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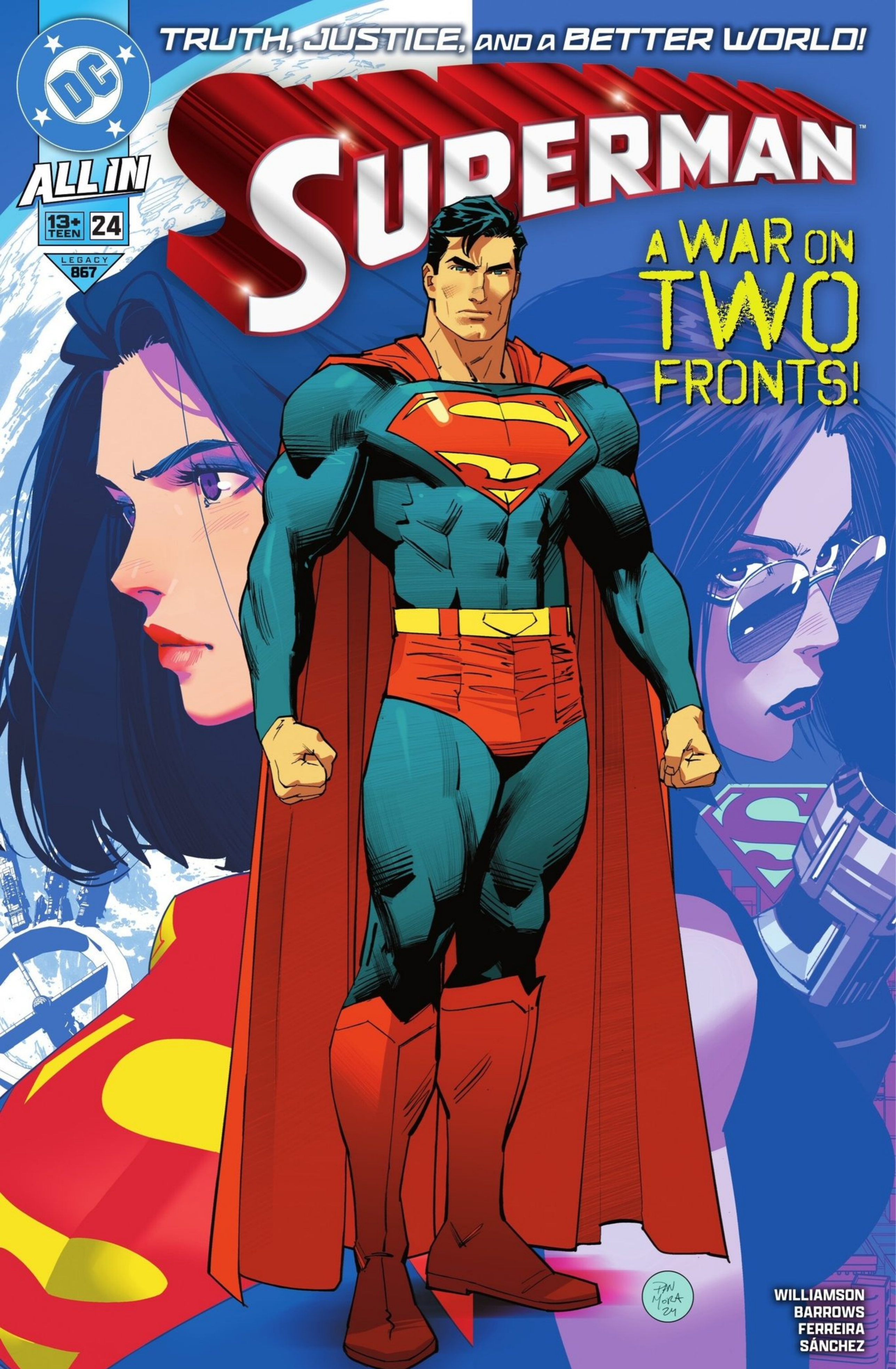

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GREEN LANTERN

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ABSOLUTE GUARDIAN.

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A terrifying new chapter of the **Absolute Universe** debuts in **APRIL**

LOIS, YOU READY?

YEAH... ONE SEC...

WHOOSH

FOR SOMEONE WITH SUPER-SPEED, YOU WORRY ABOUT BEING LATE A LOT.

IT'S THE FARMER IN ME. PA ALWAYS SAID IF YOU'RE NOT EARLY, YOU'RE LATE.

AND MERCY'S MESSAGE SAID SHE NEEDED TO SEE US AT SUPERCORP THIS MORNING...

...THAT IT WAS *URGENT.*

URGENT? WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE URGENT ***NOW?*** DOOMSDAY, BOTTLED ALIEN ARMADAS, LOMBARD'S AWFUL SPORTS COLUMN...?

UH... *NO.*

OH MY GOD.

Lex & Mercy

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AHEM.

UH... YOU'RE EARLY.

WE TRAVEL FAST.

IS *THIS* WHAT YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT?

FRANKLY, OUR RELATIONSHIP IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

BUT SUPERCORP IS.

SUPERCORP?

DON'T WE HAVE BIGGER ISSUES TO DISCUSS? HAS THE BOTTLED-CITY STASIS HELD?

DOOMSDAY, THE AFTERMATH, AND RADIANT ARE FROZEN IN TIME. THE CHANCES OF ESCAPE ARE *LOW,* SUPERMAN.

YOU SAID KEEPING THEM THERE WAS JUST A TEMPORARY MEASURE, LUTHOR.

AFTER I HELPED MR. TERRIFIC WITH THAT OMEGA ANOMALY, MY MEMORIES HAVE BEEN *SLOWLY* RETURNING, GIVING ME SOME IDEAS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM...*

*LEX AND TERRIFIC HAVE HAD A TENUOUS WORKING RELATIONSHIP SINCE *DARK NIGHTS: DEATH METAL* #7, AND THAT CAME IN HANDY DURING THE *SUPERMAN: LEX LUTHOR SPECIAL!* -- PK

DO YOUR IDEAS INVOLVE INDEFINITE DETENTION OR *TORTURE?*

HAVE I DONE SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU THINK YOU CAN'T TRUST ME?

TODAY?

BOYS, LET'S *NOT,* OKAY?

YOU'VE BEEN LETTING ME RUN THE DAY-TO-DAY AT SUPERCORP, BUT IT'S STILL *YOUR* COMPANY, SUPERMAN. AND IT'S TIME WE SHOWED YOU WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON.

LENA?

YES, MA'AM.

SUPERMAN, FOLLOW ME.

SINCE THE CREATION OF SUPERCORP, OUR NUMBER ONE GOAL HAS BEEN TO SUPPORT ***YOU*** AND YOUR ***MISSION*** TO PROTECT METROPOLIS AND THE WORLD.

TO DO THAT, OUR R&D DIVISION ***LEARNED*** FROM YOU, BOSS.

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, LEARNED FROM YOUR ***BATTLES.***

THE STEELWORKS CIVIC-PROTECTION PROTOCOLS WERE A GOOD START IN SECURING THE CITY, BUT THESE ***SMART DRONES*** AND ***THERMOSKELETONS*** CAN ACTUALLY BOLSTER ***OFFENSE,*** RATHER THAN ***PURE DEFENSE.*** ***THAT*** WAS THE KEY.

EXCUSE ME.

WE THINK IT'S TIME WE TAKE THIS TECHNOLOGY TO MARKET.

YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT TO USE TECHNOLOGY YOU'VE CREATED BECAUSE OF ***ME*** AND ***SELL IT--***

YOU MIGHT NOT LIKE THE IDEA, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY THE ***CORP*** IN SUPERCORP IS FOR ***CORPORATION.***

WE ***NEED*** TO MAKE MONEY.

THE ***FAMILIES*** THAT WORK FOR US COUNT ON IT.

MERCY...

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

YES, MR. TERRIFIC?

SUPERMAN! A SMALL, COVERT FLEET OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL ORIGIN HAS INVADED THE RUINS OF ***MARKOVIA.*** LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE SETTING UP SOME KIND OF BASE CAMP.

THE LEAGUE HAS BEEN GRANTED SPECIAL U.N. CLEARANCE TO INTERVENE, BUT WE'RE LOW ON HITTERS.

WE NEED YOU FOR THIS ONE, BLUE.

I'LL DO IT.

WE'LL GO TOGETHER.

NO. YOU STAY HERE AND DEAL WITH SUPERCORP. ***TALK*** TO MERCY.

THIS CAN BE MY VERY FIRST JUSTICE LEAGUE MISSION.

AFTER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED WITH DOOMSDAY AND RADIANT... I NEED MORE TIME IN THE FIELD ANYWAY.

OKAY, GO. BUT KEEP IN CONTACT.

smk!

OKAY, MERCY. YOU HAVE MY ATTENTION.

SHOW ME ***EVERYTHING.***

LISTEN UP, JUSTICE LEAGUE ★ HERE'S THE RUNDOWN.

EXACTLY TWO HOURS AGO MULTIPLE DROP SHIPS BREACHED EARTH SECURITY AND LANDED IN...

HAWKGIRL

THE CREEPER

VIXEN

BLUE BEETLE (TED KORD)

MR. TERRIFIC

BLUE BEETLE (JAIME REYES)

...MARKOVIA.

THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS STILL RECOVERING FROM THE DEVASTATION MONTHS AGO.*

*IN THE NOW-CLASSIC *EVENT LEVIATHAN* AND *SHADOW WAR* --PK

OF COURSE SOMEONE WANTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE.

AND WE WANT TO KNOW *WHY.*

YOU SAID THERE WERE ALIENS, YEAH?

BUT WHICH ONES?

BOOM

THIS IS OUR LAND NOW!

DEATH TO ALL WHO OPPOSE US!

GREAT. KHUNDS. I *HATE* KHUNDS.

BEETLES. TAKE CARE OF CIVILIANS.

GOT IT.

HAWKGIRL AND VIXEN. HANDLE THE KHUNDS.

LET'S SEE HOW OUR GUESTS LIKE...

...A TASTE OF OUR ANIMAL LIFE!

AND ME, TERRIFIC?

I SUSPECT THERE IS MORE TO THIS ATTACK, SUPERWOMAN.

WE NEED TO DETERMINE THE *PURPOSE* OF THEIR MISSION.

NORMALLY KHUNDS HAVE SOME SORT OF FIELD COMMANDER, BUT I DON'T SEE ONE, TERRIFIC!

THEN I'LL START THERE.

FIND THE BOSS AND THEN WE'LL FIND OUR ANSWERS.

YOU WITH ME, CREEPER?

SOUNDS LIKE MY KIND OF CASE...

"...I DOUBT WE'RE THE WEIRDEST TEAM-UP HAPPENING TODAY..."

THIS TECH CAN BE USED TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED STAY IN STASIS WHILE THEY ARE BEING TRANSPORTED TO A HOSPITAL.

LENA, THIS LOOKS LIKE PHANTOM ZONE TECHNOLOGY.

IT'S NOT. MOSTLY.

WE WERE INFLUENCED BY WHAT YOU AND THE KANDORIANS INNOVATED, BUT IT'S NOT THE SAME.

LOOK, I KNOW YOU'RE ANXIOUS ABOUT THE TECH WE'VE BUILT HERE. I ***KNOW.***

BUT...THE SUPERCORP SCIENTISTS ARE GOOD PEOPLE. THEY REALLY WANT TO FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE.

SO MUCH OF WHAT WE'VE SEEN TODAY COULD HELP PEOPLE, SUPERMAN.

I KNOW BACK IN THE DAY I WOULD HAVE USED THIS TECHNOLOGY FOR...MY OWN GOALS. BUT SEE WITH YOUR OWN EYES WHAT SUPERCORP HAS BECOME.

A FORCE FOR ***GOOD.***

SOME OF THIS TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN USED TO HURT ME AND MY LOVED ONES, LUTHOR.

WHEN WALLER ATTACKED AND STOLE YOUR POWERS, I WAS able TO USE SUPERCORP TO GET YOU AND MANY OF YOUR ALLIES TO THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE.*

*IT'S TRUE--SEE *ABSOLUTE POWER* FOR THE FULL STORY --PK

I REMEMBER.

AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THAT. I AM.

IMAGINE IF THOSE SAME RESOURCES COULD BE USED FOR ***OTHERS.*** SOME OF SUPERCORP WENT INTO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW JUSTICE LEAGUE WATCHTOWER, TOO.

IT'S SELFISH FOR US TO NOT SHARE WHAT WE'VE BUILT...

BUT NOT FOR ***PROFIT.***

ULTIMATELY, UNTIL ***LEX*** DECIDES HE WANTS CONTROL AGAIN...

...SUPERCORP BELONGS TO ***YOU,*** SUPERMAN.

IT'S YOUR CALL.

UNLESS LEX HAS ANY OBJECTIONS...

I...

THIS ISN'T--I'M NOT--

LEX LUTHOR...

YOU ARE UNDER ARREST.

CHIEF KEKOA?

MY DAD HASN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.

RECENTLY.

SUPERCORP'S LAWYERS WON'T--

YOUR LAWYERS ARE AWARE.

THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONVINCE THE TALKING HEADS ON TV THAT LUTHOR COULD WALK AROUND FREE SINCE HIS MEMORY WAS ERASED, BUT NOW THAT IT'S RETURNING...

...LUTHOR IS A DANGER TO SOCIETY.

IT'S OKAY.

HE'S RIGHT.

I NEED TO PAY FOR MY CRIMES...

"THIS YOUR FIRST *JUSTICE LEAGUE* MISSION?"

YEAH...

ME TOO. I THINK.

WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL, CREEPER. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS THE KHUNDS HAVE.

AW, I'M TOUCHED.

YOU WORRIED ABOUT LITTLE OLD ME?

UNTIL SOMEONE STABS YOU IN THE EYE AND YOU START TO GUSH BLOOD *EVERYWHERE.*

SO MUCH BLOOD.

RECENTLY A FRIEND OF MINE WAS HURT BECAUSE I MADE A MISTAKE.

I TREATED THE *POWERS* WITH RESPECT, BUT MAYBE NOT THIS... *LIFE...*

IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES--

SURE...

HOLD ON.

LOOK.

SHE PROMISED US THESE WEAPONS WOULD MAKE US UNSTOPPABLE.

LET'S SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO.

HM. THAT'S A MASSIVE CANNON. BUT FOR *WHAT?* THERE IS NOTHING IN MARKOVIA TO HIT OR BLOW UP.

WE NEED TO GET IN CONTACT WITH TERRIFIC, AND...

RUSH INTO THINGS?

I AGREE!

UHAHAHAHAHA!

CREEPER?!

DAMMIT!

KILL THEM. USE THE CANNON!

OH, TELL ME MORE. TELL ME MORE.

WHILE I KNOCK YOUR HEAD TO THE FLOOR!

AHAHAHAHA!

POW

KRACK

THAT WOMAN.

HER POWER IS LIKE THE ONE FROM NEW KANDOR'S...

KILL HER!

KRAK

DAMN, WHO KNEW PUNCHING A FEW BAD GUYS CAN REALLY BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY...

SUPERWOMAN, I BELIEVE I HAVE UNCOVERED ***WHY*** THE KHUNDS CHOSE THIS SPACE. IT WAS NOT TO TAKE OVER.

IT WAS TO ***TEST*** THESE NEW WEAPONS.

UH... SUPERWOMAN.

YOU NEED TO SEE THIS.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE ***KIDDING ME...***

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY ARRESTED MY DAD.

HE WAS REALLY TRYING TO...LIVE A BETTER LIFE.

HOW DID THE POLICE EVEN ***KNOW*** HE WAS GETTING HIS MEMORY BACK?

I TOLD THEM.

WHAT?

HOW COULD YOU?

I HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS. I KNOW YOUR FATHER. WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF. I NEEDED TO MAKE SURE WE HAD EXTRA EYES ON HIM.

HE'S NOT THE ONE YOU SHOULD BE WATCHING.

WHAT?

YOU HEARD ME. YOU'RE SO QUICK TO CONDEMN MY DAD WHEN MERCY GRAVES IS ***LYING*** RIGHT TO YOUR FACE!

LENA'S RIGHT.

WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

MERCY.

EXPLAIN YOURSELF.

THIS IS MY PRIVATE LAB, SUPERMAN. I ASK THAT YOU *KNOCK* NEXT TIME.

WHAT DID YOU DO, MERCY?! DID YOU *SELL* THIS TO THE KHUNDS?

I DIDN'T REALIZE THE *SUPER-GUN* WAS BEING FIELD-TESTED ALREADY.

SUPER-GUN?

WITH THE PROPER BRANDING, YOU CAN SELL ANYTHING.

I AM *NOT* FOR SALE, MERCY. AND YOU SAID IT YOURSELF... *SUPERCORP IS MINE.*

YOU'RE FIRED.

SUPERMAN, I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE ANGRY...

=SIGH=

SUPERMAN, LOIS, LENA...

I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS, BUT...

CLICK CLICK

...YOU DON'T GET TO FIRE ME.

BRRRHHH!

AAAAHHHH!

WHEN BRAINIAC STRIPPED METALLO'S METAL FOR PARTS TO BUILD HIS QUEEN, I MANAGED TO RECOVER HIS HARD DRIVE AND HIS HEART.

I KNOW THIS HURTS YOU, SUPERMAN...

...BUT THIS IS ALL BRAND-NEW TO YOU, ISN'T IT, SUPERWOMAN?

YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND GET TO EXPERIENCE SOMETHING NEW TOGETHER.

DO WE CALL THIS KRYPTONITE BONDING?

MERCY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

I'M STICKING TO THE PLAN, LENA.

THIS IS WHAT LEX REALLY WANTED SUPERCORP FOR. LEX BELIEVED HE COULD ***FIX*** SUPERMAN. THAT HE COULD MAKE HIM BE WHAT HE WANTED HIM TO BE.

AND THEN USE ***SUPERMAN*** TO GROW HIS OWN EMPIRE.

THAT WAS MY DAD'S ***OLD PLAN,*** MERCY. HE'S NOT ***LIKE*** THAT ANYMORE!

YOUR FATHER WAS RIGHT.

THE WORLD ***NEEDS*** SUPERMAN.

BEEP

AND I BELIEVE THE WORLD ALSO NEEDS A ***LEX LUTHOR.***

THAT MAN THEY ARRESTED... HE CAN'T GET THE JOB DONE...

TRSSSSSSSHH

SO I BUILT A NEW ONE.

NEXT ISSUE:
SUPERMAN VS. LEX LUTHOR
IN OUR MASSIVE 25TH ISSUE!

ABSOLUTE GREEN LANTERN #1 PREVIEW

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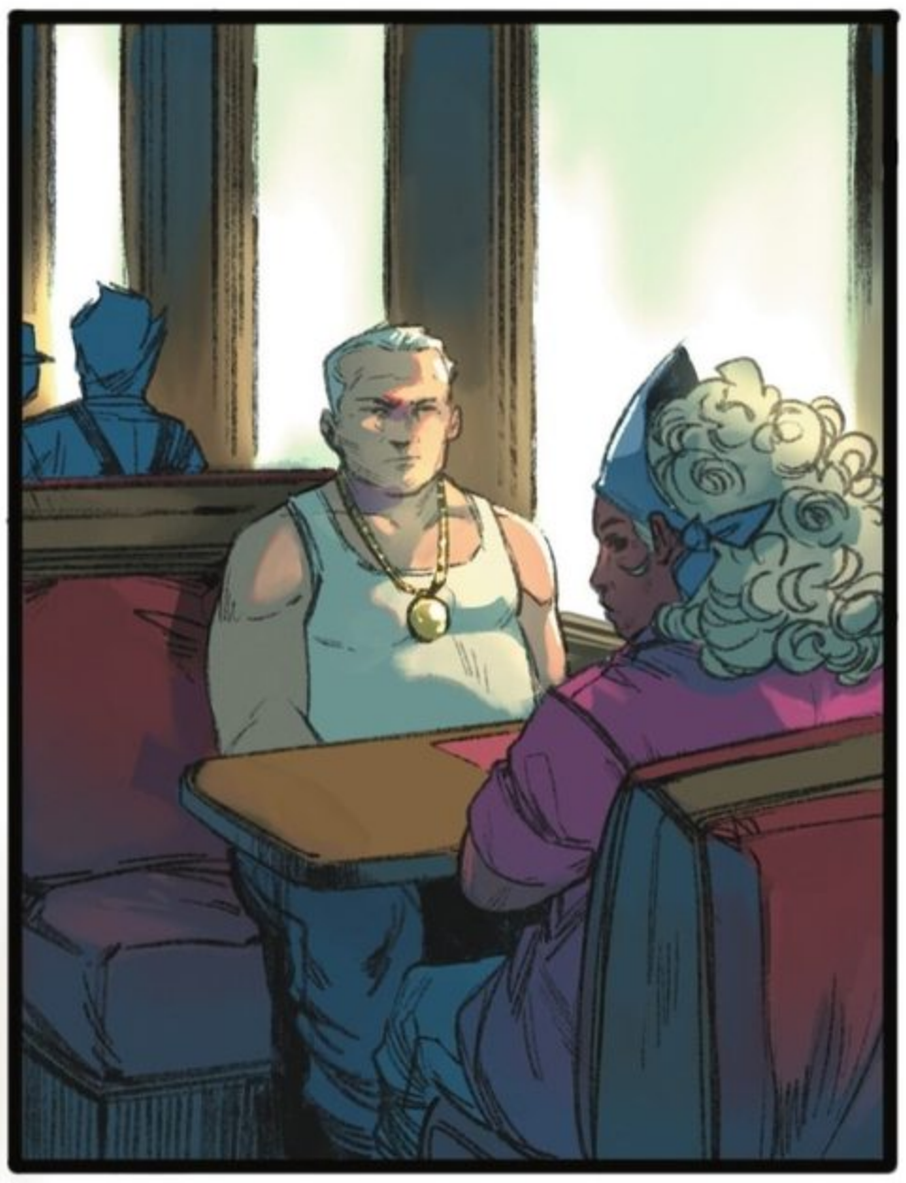

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE *GAME?*

LEMME TURN IT UP A LITTLE--

*--SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING FOR AN **EMERGENCY NEWS BULLETIN.***

*WHAT YOU'RE SEEING IS HELICOPTER FOOTAGE FROM **EVERGREEN, NEVADA,** A SMALL TOWN ABOUT FIFTEEN MILES FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE LINE.*

*THIS FOOTAGE IS **LIVE AND UNEDITED.***

*IT HAS NOT BEEN **TAMPERED** WITH IN ANY WAY.*

HOLY...

I REPEAT.

*THIS HAS NOT BEEN **EDITED.***

THIS IS LIVE.

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INTERVIEW WITH AL EWING

Following the debuts of *Absolute Flash* and *Absolute Martian Manhunter*, the Absolute Universe adds a sixth new ongoing series this spring with *Absolute Green Lantern* from writer Al Ewing (*Metamorpho: The Element Man*) and artist Jahnoy Linsday (*Superboy: The Man of Tomorrow*).

In Absolute fashion, this series completely reimagines the world of Green Lantern while retaining essential elements. *Absolute Green Lantern* blends the realms of horror and science-fiction as familiar characters play very unexpected roles—starting with a Green Lantern symbol mysteriously landing in the town of Evergreen, Nevada, and Abin Sur providing Hal Jordan with a new power that's very different from a Green Lantern ring.

What was most exciting to you about the opportunity to reinvent the Green Lantern mythos from the ground up?

I get to give the readers a surprise. I get to have a readership that doesn't know what the Green Lantern is, doesn't know who Green Lantern is, doesn't know the rules. That's not an opportunity that comes along very often—to take a known property and make it unknown. That's a lot of fun.

How did you decide on Jo Mullein as the lead character for this story?

I needed somebody who could fill quite an active role in the story. I had characters from the Green Lantern mythos who could fulfill a horror-based role; I needed somebody who could act as the reader's eye, but also a person of action. Somebody who could make big, active decisions. Out of all the people who have worn a Green Lantern ring, Jo jumped forward at me as someone who really ticked every box I needed.

She's also a mystery for the reader. There are a lot of mysteries to her, which we will uncover—how she's similar to the character readers know from *Far Sector*, and how she's very different.

Why is Jahnoy Lindsay the perfect artist to bring *Absolute Green Lantern* to life?

He's really fantastic. He can handle everything we need him to. There are moments of big, sudden, fast action—there are moments in issue #1 that'll just knock you out of your seat. That's all Jahnoy. There are also moments of building, rising tension and emotion. He's very good at that. You can feel the tension. You can feel the terror.

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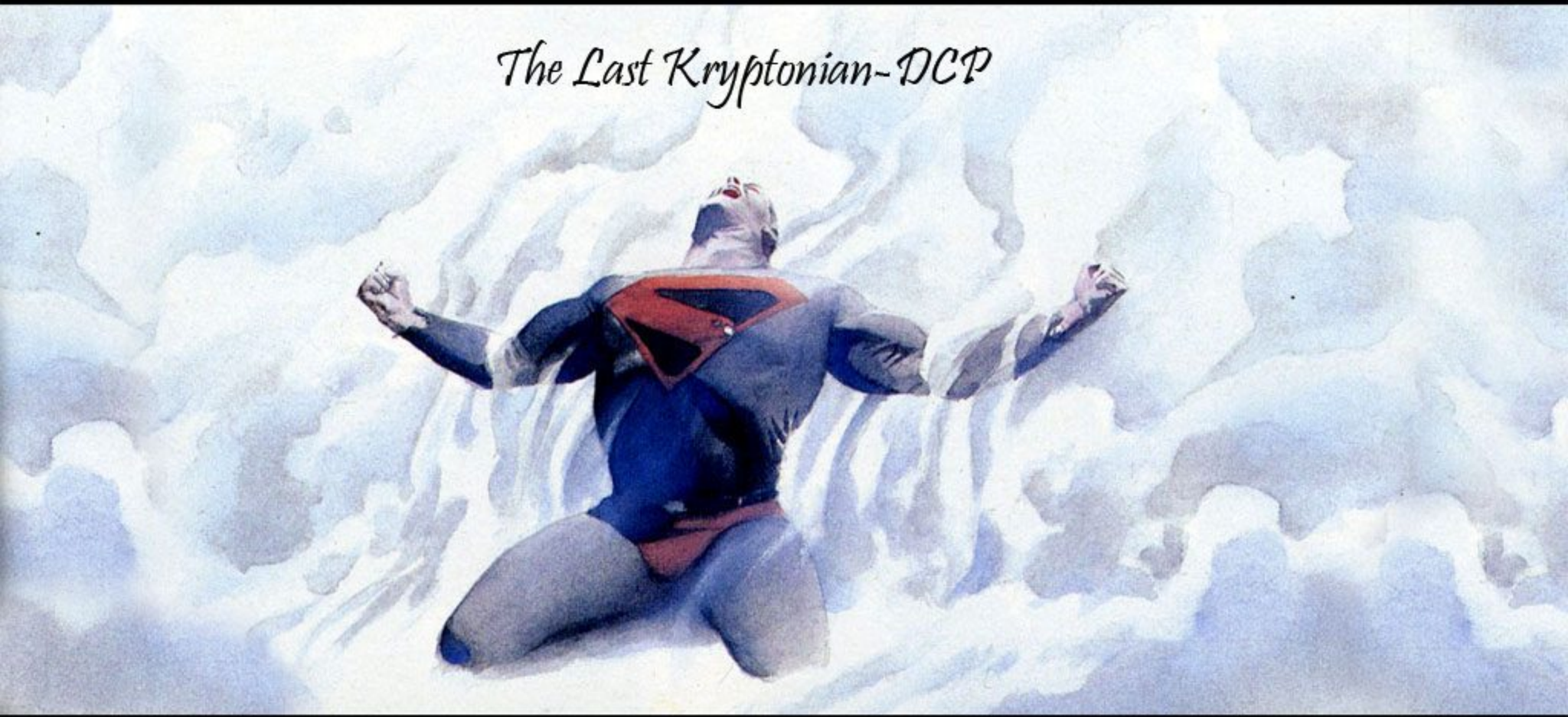
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